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REMARKS

Claims 1-45, 50 and 52-53 are cancelled. Claims 46-49, 51 and 54-79 are withdrawn. New claims 80-89 are added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based upon U.S. Patent No. 6,315,789 issued to Cragg. An interview was held on May 4, 2005 with Examiner Ragonese. The differences between Cragg and the present invention were discussed. Cragg is directed to a system for anchoring medical devices. While Cragg discloses a guidewire 54, Cragg does not disclose a deflection wire coupled to the guidewire as in new independent claim 80.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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